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SUBJECT BASE NEGOTIATIONS

1. MADRID MORNING DAILIES FEATURED SECRETARY'S REMARKS TO PRESS THAT "WE HAVE NOT BEEN REQUESTED TO LEAVE ANY OF THE SPANISH BASES".

2. NEWS ARTICLE IN "YA" CONTRASTS SECRETARY'S REMARKS WITH ACOCA ARTICLE OF PREVIOUS DAY AND COMMENTS THAT "WHAT IS FUNDAMENTAL IS CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF DETAILS EMANATING FROM BOTH SIDES TO BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND CURRENT TUGGING AND HAULING BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND MADRID IN CRUCIAL PHASE WHICH U.S.-SPANISH NEGOTIATIONS NOW ENTERING REGARD TO EVENTUAL RENEWAL OF 1970 AGREEMENT. ON ONE HAND, "POST" CORRESPONDENT STATES THAT ACCORDING TO VETERAN SPANISH SOURCE ARIAS GOVT HAS DISCREETLY SUGGESTED THAT U.S. ABANDON NOT ONLY TORREJON, BUT MORON. ON OTHER HAND, KISSINGER SIGNALLED IN HIS REPLY THAT NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS HAD REVOLVED AROUND TYPE OF SECURITY GUARANTEE

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U.S. WOULD BE ABLE EVENTUALLY TO GIVE SPAIN FOR

UTILIZATION OF BASES".

3. ARTICLE THEN COMMENTS ON CONTEXT IN WHICH REMARKS WERE MADE, I.E., IN MIDST OF SALVO OF QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS REGARDING CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM. SECRETARY TOOK OPPORTUNITY FOR "ALMOST DESPERATE" CALL TO CONGRESS THAT IF MILITARY AID TO THESE COUNTRIES NOT FORTHCOMING, PHNOM PEHN REGIME WOULD COLLAPSE AND "IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO CONDUCT FOREIGN POLICY OF U.S. -- FUNDAMENTAL POINT-- BECAUSE OF LACK OF CONFIDENCE ON PART OF MANY COUNTRIES IN U.S.'S GLOBAL ROLE". ARTICLE THEN REFERS TO "OBLIQUE REFERENCE" BY SECRETARY TO DOMINO THEORY WITH COMMENT THAT "IT IS NOT CONCEPT WHICH HAS FALLEN INTO DISCREDIT AND THAT WHAT WAS APPLICABLE TO SOUTHEAST ASIA PERHAPS IS VALID FOR OTHER AREAS, I.E., PORTUGAL, SPAIN, GREECE AND ITALY."

4. IN REPORTING SECRETARY'S REMARKS, MORNING DAILIES "ABC" AND BARCELONA'S "LA VANGUARDIA" TOOK NOTE OF WHAT IS CONSIDERED AMBIGUITY IN USE OF WORDS "PREMATURE" AND "INEXACT". "INFERRED IN SECRETARY'S REPLY IS THAT SPANISH AUTHORITIES INTEND TO ASK AT RIGHT MOMENT A DIMINUTION IN U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN SPAIN, BUT NO SUCH REQUEST HAS YET BEEN OFFICIALLY MADE."

5. "ABC" AND "LA VANGUARDIA" ALSO NOTED THAT SECRETARY'S REMARKS ABOUT GENERAL CAPACITY OF OTHER COUNTRIES TO PLACE CONFIDENCE IN WORD OF U.S. "REINFORCED SPANISH IMPRESSION IN THIS REGARD" WHICH IN TURN PROVIDED IMPETUS TO SEEK REDUCTION IN U.S. PRESENCE. THRUST OF THIS ANALYSIS WAS THAT ASIDE FROM ANY WILLINGNESS OR LACK THEREOF ON PART OF U.S. TO PROVIDE SPAIN WITH SECURITY GUARANTEE, CAPACITY TO DO SO APPEARED THREATENED WHICH IN TURN GAVE PAUSE TO SPAIN IN TRYING TO SEEK ONE.
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